

H. Res. 1261

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

July 15, 2008.

Whereas in order to preserve our democracy, it is important that an indepth understanding of the documents upon which our Nation was founded is passed on from generation to generation;

Whereas students in the “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” competition demonstrate their understanding of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, along with the documents’ contemporary significance by participating in simulated congressional hearings;

Whereas the “We the People” competition, founded in 1987 on the bicentennial of the adoption of the Constitution, celebrates its 21st consecutive year in 2008;

Whereas in the 21 years of competition, East High School has gone to the “We the People” national finals 19 times, placed in the Top Ten 16 times, placed in the Top Three 8 times, and placed in the Top Two 4 times;

Whereas on May 5, 2008, East High School placed first in the national “We the People” competition;

Whereas East High School placed first for the second year in a row, and for the third time in the school’s history, the previous times being in 2007 and 1992; and

Whereas the 27 team members exhibited an extraordinary grasp of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) recognizes the importance of civics education and the role of the “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” competition in promoting greater understanding and appreciation of the principles of democracy upon which our Nation was founded;
- (2) congratulates the organizers, teachers, and students from across the Nation who participated in the 2008 “We the People” competition;
- (3) congratulates the East High School team from Denver, Colorado, on winning the 2008 “We the People” national competition; and
- (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Denver School District Superintendent Michael Bennet and coach Susan McHugh for appropriate display.

Attest:

Clerk.